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Dear Education Specialist:

The State Fire Marshal's Office is once again asking for your help in spreading fire safety awareness through our **Third Annual State Fire Marshal Fire Safety Poster Contest**.

This contest recognizes students who demonstrate an understanding of the issues related to fire safety, and who demonstrate the ability to visually portray that knowledge.

Awards and recognition will be given to one poster winner, along with 11 other place winners, one for each month of the calendar year.

The contest is an excellent opportunity for elementary school-age students to learn about fire safety education. The research undertaken by the students on fire prevention and fire safety will be of great benefit to the lives of the students, their families, and their communities.

The firefighters in your community will be most appreciative of your assistance in making our Fire Safety Poster Contest a success. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Education Division at the Fire Marshal's Office at (304) 558-2191.

Attached you will find all the guidelines for our contest. We hope you will distribute this to your elementary schools and send back the top 6 winners (one from each grade in your county). Thank you for your assistance in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K E Tyree Jr".

Kenneth E. Tyree Jr.
State Fire Marshal



West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office 2018 Fire Safety Poster Contest Guidelines

The West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office is looking for an original piece of artwork for our Fire Safety Poster Contest. We're looking to bring safety into the homes of West Virginian's by reminding them each day of the importance of fire and life safety. One winner will be awarded the cover page of a calendar along with being featured during Fire Prevention month, which is October, 11 other place winners will have their work displayed each month.

Theme: Posters must be original work of the students and must emphasize Fire Prevention and Safety. Some examples include:

- If there is an emergency call 911 and remember firefighters are our friends.
- Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.
- "LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- "LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds.
- Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.
- "LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.
- Keep kids at least three feet from the stove.

For other fire resources please use our website www.firemarshal.wv.gov and click on the Public Education tab.

Purpose: To make students and their families aware of the danger of fire and to take precautions to prevent potentially harmful fires and be educated about surviving them.

Eligibility: The poster contest is open to all elementary students in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Rules:

Posters must be original works of the students and must emphasize fire and life safety.

Posters must be on 8.5 by 11-inch paper – larger sizes will not be considered.

Posters may be drawn, colored, painted or three dimensional. The use of fire should not be involved in the creation of the posters. Posters with real burn marks will automatically be disqualified.

Poster judging will take into consideration the following:

Appeal of the Fire Safety Message – 75%

Artistic ability, originality and neatness – 25%

All artwork must be original. No computer-generated artworks or photographs may be used. Clippings from magazine, newspapers, and books are not appropriate.

All posters become the property of the office of the WV State Fire Marshal and **will not be returned**. (Please copy or photograph your artwork before submitting it.)

Deadline:

All student entries should be submitted to teachers by September 14th where teachers in that grade will select a winner and send them to the principal.

Grade winners from each school should be submitted to your county board of education by September 21st. A winner from each grade will be chosen to represent their county. Please Note: Each county shall submit no more than 6 entries (one per each grade level).

The County Board of Education should mail original entries to the State Fire Marshal's Office by September 28th.

MAIL TO:

WV State Fire Marshal's Office
ATTN: Public Education Division
1207 Quarrier St.
Charleston, WV 25301

Winners:

The statewide winner chosen will receive a first-place ribbon, a certificate of achievement from the Governor and be Fire Marshal for the day. The award will be handed out by a fire department in the winner's area. The announcement will be made at the end of October. The first-place winner will be featured on the front cover of the calendar and have their work posted on our website and social media pages as well as inside the calendar in the Month of October.

The 11 other place winners will be comprised from each grade (Kindergarten through fifth grade) and will receive recognition and a certificate; their work will also be displayed inside our 2019 calendar.

Calendars will be mailed out to winners in December.

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher Name: _____

School Name: _____

School County: _____

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WV State Fire Marshal Fire Safety Poster Contest



I GIVE MY CONSENT TO THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE TO USE MY MINOR CHILD'S NAME, SCHOOL, LIKENESS, AND ENTRY IN STUDENT ART SHOWS, FOR PUBLICATIONS, FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES, FOR WEBSITE DOCUMENTATION, AND FOR MEDIA PRESS RELEASES.

I UNDERSTAND THAT NEITHER MY MINOR CHILD NOR I WILL RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE USE OF THIS LIKENESS OR FOR EXHIBITION OF THIS ARTWORK.

NO ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS COMPLETED FORM SUBMITTED SEPARATELY TO THE ARTIST'S TEACHER OR ADVISOR.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN PEN.

STUDENT NAME _____ DATE _____

SCHOOL _____ TEACHER _____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PARENT OR GUARDAN'S TELEPHONE _____

"I AFFIRM THAT I AM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR LISTED ABOVE."

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

"TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE WORK I AM SPONSORING ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT NAMED ABOVE IS THE ORIGINAL CREATION AND WORK OF THAT STUDENT."

SIGNATURE OF SPONSORING TEACHER _____